THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The escalators, at present, are under overhauling and upgradation and are likely to be put into operation shortly. In the absence of escalators, lifts are in use at the IGI airport to facilitate passengers.

(d) Does not arise.

World Class Transhipment Cargo Hub in Delhi

5348. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Airports Authority of India plan to create a world class transhipment hub air cargo in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how it is proposed to be financed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) is going to appoint a consultant to advise on the modalities of setting up of the proposed JV Parallel Cargo Terminal and development of Delhi as a major transhipment hub.

Refusal by AI Pilots to take-off Plane after Emergency stop

5349. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India pilots refuse to fly after plane makes emergency stop for ailing passenger as happened on 14th February, 2000 on Dubai-Cochin flight;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against those involved?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Flight No. AI 700 flying between Dubai and Cochin on February 14, 2000 made an unscheduled landing at Mumbai due to medical emergency of one of the passengers. In view of the airplane having landed at Mumbai which is Air India's base, the first officer refused to operate the flight to Cochin by taking recourse to clause 4.2 of DGCA circular No. A/C 28 of 1992 on Flight and Duty Time Limitation for flying crew which states that The Air Carrier